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Ornelases give \$1 million for HPE

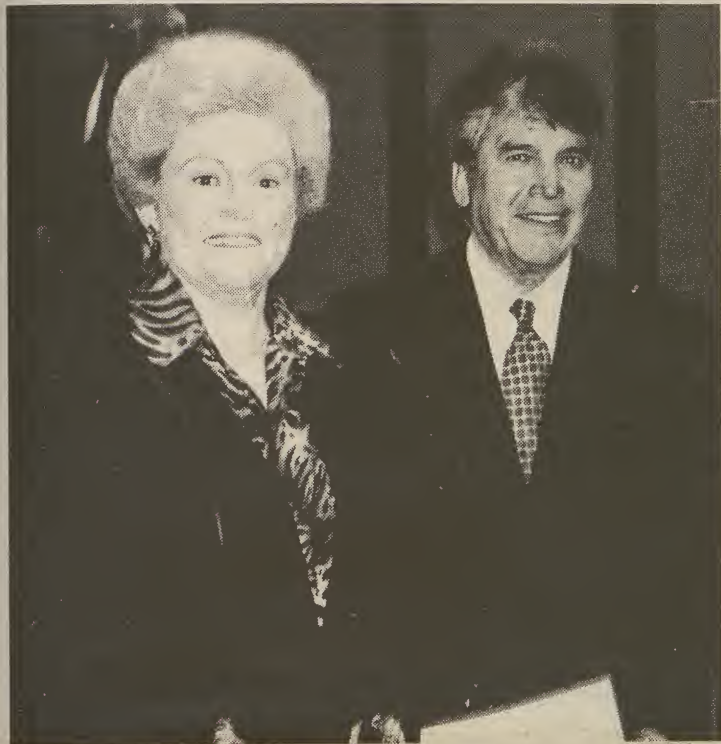


Photo by Andrea Deegan

Joseph and Louise Ornelas still smiling after giving \$1 million

Anila D'Sa and Andrea Deegan
staff writers

TJC accepted its largest monetary donation ever, \$1 million, contributed by Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas of Tyler last Wednesday at a Board of Trustees meeting.

Lou Ornelas attended TJC. "TJC has been in our lives for many years," Lou Ornelas, whose daughter is currently attending TJC, said.

The Health and Physical Education Center will be renamed the Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe said.

"Joe and Lou Ornelas have indicated a strong desire to assist the College, particularly in the area of defraying costs," Crowe said. "We feel it is appropriate that the Health and

Physical Education Center bear their name."

The Ornelases walked through the HPE Center with Dr. Crowe to see what renovations were needed. Lou Ornelas said better facilities for the Apache Belles and beautification of the grounds were among the changes needed. Wagstaff Gym is not included in the renovations.

"Joe and Lou have been active supporters of higher education in the state and we appreciate their interest in advancing TJC," Crowe continued.

The couple also contributed to Baylor University, University of Texas at Tyler and have three buildings in their name at East Texas Baptist University.

Board President Harry Loftis told the Ornelases, "I'm

speechless! This is a tremendously wonderful thing you have done."

Lou Ornelas said she and her husband are honored to have the opportunity to have their name associated with "such a fine facility."

"Tyler Junior College is a wonderful place for students and community and the Health and Physical Education Center is one of the most widely used and most beneficial in the area," she said.

Joseph Ornelas said, "We feel that it is very important to contribute to the education of our young people and this particular gift fills a great need. We're glad to be able to provide this level of assistance."

Renovations and rededication of the center have not yet been scheduled.

Educator of the Year TETA honors Dr. Crawford

Andrea Deegan
staff writer

Dr. David Crawford, speech and theater director, was named the Texas Educational Theater Association Junior College Educator of the Year at the TETA convention in Houston Feb. 4.

Crawford and other educators statewide were nominated. An awards committee based its choice on letters of recommendation and years of service to TETA and education in general. Crawford has been teaching here since the fall, 1976, and has been TETA treasurer for three years. He is also a member of the Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Dramatic Fraternity.

Crawford knew he wanted to teach at an early age. His freshman year at Chapel Hill High School, Crawford joined the Future Teachers of America. He was interested in speech and theater throughout high school, so it "just seemed natural" to pursue it in college too. "That's where I belonged," Crawford said.

Crawford has directed 27 plays here. He has written nine plays, two which are published and have been produced in this theater program. One play is awaiting workshop production.

Crawford loves "seeing the lightbulb go on" in his classes. "Watching the students mature from high school seniors to college sophomores" is a very rewarding experience, Crawford said.



Photo by Andrea Deegan
Dr. David Crawford.

800 girls expand horizons

Anila D'Sa and Moniah Vierkant
staff writers

Last Saturday 800 middle school girls from the Tyler area expanded their horizons in, a program exclusively for them. TJC has hosted and also co-sponsored "Expanding Your Horizons" for five years with the American Association of Women.

The workshop is designed to assist girls to choose careers in math and science. Women professionals led sessions as role models to encourage young girls to strive for excellence in their educational futures.

Alan Bradshaw, the only father in attendance, encouraged his seventh grade daughter, Brandy, to come and "see that because she is a woman she can still get ahead in the math and science fields. I was under the impression it was a female thing, but I wasn't out of place. I enjoyed it!"

Some 200 women volunteers, college students and adults, helped the young students as they explored various careers.

At an assembly in the Apache rooms, TJC President William Crowe and Dr.

Lou Ann Kuck, Health and Natural Sciences Dean, welcomed the group and AAVW leader Carol Cushman briefed them about the day's activities.

The girls then divided into career groups for the first session, during which the role models described their occupations and activities and games.

Student Role Model Anila D'Sa said, "It was educational and unique because it provided an opportunity for the girls to interact with professional women who have set goals and surpassed them. This helps the young women to realize their potential."

"I hope that the program emphasizes to them the fields of math and science instead of drawing them away from it," Jean Aycock, Certified Public Accountant for East Texas Medical Center, said. She wants this to show girls these "men only careers" are open to them.

First time role model Jeanne Lewis, a CPA with Gollob Morgan Peddy Co., called it was a great experience. "I enjoy the interaction with students and

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CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

Andrea Deegan
Staff Writer

*"What would be your dream
Valentine's Day?"*



Ryan
Davis

"A date with Kathy
Ireland in Hawaii."



Bryan
Irvin

"A romantic dinner
by candlelight with
flowers as a gift to
my date."



Jason
Roper

"To have someone
to spend
Valentine's Day
with."



Kelli
Jones

"I'd like to take a
bath in champagne
in an immaculate
hotel with Tupac!"



Natasha
Scott

"Be at home with
my boyfriend."

Christian discovers new realms of worship

Jamie Melton
Staff Writer

The sign outside said "Baptist" in big letters, so I was not concerned as I entered. I was told it was "different," but I have attended a Baptist church all my life. Until that Sunday, I never knew how exciting discovering new aspects of religion really could be.

I grew up in a hometown church whose members pray a lot, tithe and sing quietly type of church. The kind where you only raised a hand to ask questions in Sunday School and were told to "pray and tithe."

Then I met Brent whose family attends First Assembly of God. He warned me about how different it could be, but I went anyway. The scary thing

was, I loved it. It was good to see people actually excited about God's word.

I did not agree with everything preached, but I liked the freedom the members had. People prayed out loud, some raising up their hands and others even stood up without the preacher asking. It was different, but it was good.

Brent and I started talking. We needed to find some place we could feel at home. I did not agree with some things his church preached, and he fell asleep at mine. I started wondering, why it is that some religions show their enthusiasm for Christ and others seem to have that silent worship?

I had taught Sunday School

before, telling the kids not be afraid to be a witness. I told them that other people watch us and see what Jesus means to us through our actions. Then I started looking at myself. Every day that I walk around with a frown and claim Jesus as my Savior, my attitude reflects back on him.

We thought that we could alternate between churches, but that became difficult. We finally decided to find a church we could both call home. That is when we heard of Landmark Baptist Church.

I was amazed the first Sunday we attended. The people were clapping and singing. These were Baptists who actually seemed to be enjoying

themselves and their worship. I guess they get a lot of old time Baptists because the preacher said they may be clapping and singing, but they were "Baptist from head to toe."

That one Sunday changed a lot of how I believe. I have always worshipped, but I had never done so to that extent. That kind of praise may not be for everyone, but it certainly made a difference to me. I do not believe that without clapping or singing worship ceases, because I feel true praise comes from within. But I do think that no one should feel as if they cannot express themselves. It is no sin to enjoy

worshipping God.

Landmark may never be called home by me, but it certainly did open eyes. I enjoy finding new churches now, because you never know what you may be walking into.

Church is supposed to be a revitalizing experience. It should be a place where one can go each week to get replenished and prepared for the next week. Despite all the little stereotypes placed on each denomination, as long as people are worshipping God, it should not matter how they choose to do it. I am thankful I finally figured that out.

Community service brings out best

Carla Bass
staff writer

Higher education can take people places. In my case, it took me to an alley outside the Good Samaritan Outreach Center one cold October morning.

Encouraged by my Spanish instructor, I had volunteered to help pass out donated coats to children in a Hispanic neighborhood in Tyler. I arrived at 9 a.m. to see a huge line of dark-haired children and adults already formed in front of the center. I felt strangely distanced from this group.

I half-expected to see desperate, street-wise kids grabbing at every loose piece of clothing they could find. Instead, the scene was more like a peaceful shopping spree than a charity handout.

I took the hand of a 7-year-old girl and, in what hoped was passable Spanish told her we were going to look for a coat. She gave me a shy grin, and in a combination of elementary Spanish and improvised sign language we began talking about what kind of coat she wanted. After trying on sev-

eral and modeling them in the mirror, she chose one.

I realized there really was no difference in her and other children her age. The imaginary barrier I had constructed between myself and these kids had fallen down.

Although sometimes it's hard to juggle a schedule, make time for community service. Everyone needs a little reminder that whether a person's clothes come from the mall or a local donation center, the people underneath them are pretty much the same.

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'Walk-a-Mile' assists special kids

Andrea Deegan
staff writer

The Association for Retarded Citizens seventh annual "Walk a Mile for a Special Child" begins March 2 at Bergfeld Park. Registration begins at 9 a. m. and costs \$10 donation, or purchase of a T-shirt. The walk which begins at 10 a. m. is open to all ages and covers 2.6 miles.

Money raised will help the mentally retarded attend a week-long residential camp in July. It will pay for room, board, utilities, activities, supplies, nurses, staff, counselors and directors, Rebecca Foster said.

Ginny Kennedy, mother of a special child, Diane, founded ARC of Tyler in 1962. Psychology Instructor Rebecca Foster, ARC President for four years, has involved her students for 10 years.

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"Mrs. Foster provides a lot of opportunities for community service for students and gives points toward grades for each one they do," nursing student Albert Moore said. He sells T-shirts for the walk-athon. "My personal goal is to sell 30 T-shirts and collect as many donations as I can."

Moore said.

Groups with the most walkers and those who raise the most money will win trophies. Others may win in a drawing for prizes at the end of the walk. Foster stresses walking, not running. "We're looking for completion, not competition," she said.

Anyone can volunteer to help and automatically become a member of the TJC Volunteer Association. TJC and TJCVA are being nominated for a state award from the Texas Association for Retarded Citizens. The Apache Belles, football players and cheerleaders will walk. Foster said her goal for the walk-a-thon is to increase "awareness of my special people and their needs."

WALK A MILE
For A
"SPECIAL"
Child

Theater sells spring musical tickets

Moriah Vierkant
staff writer

Tickets for the upcoming Spring Musical, "My Fair Lady" went on sale Monday at the box office in Wise Cultural Arts Center.

The Box Office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The show runs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 29 through March 2 in Wise Auditorium.

The musical is an adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's story of a cockney flower girl who is taken in by a dialectician. They eventually fall in love.

Tickets are sold on first-come, first-served basis and \$3

before the show. Reserved tickets not picked up by 15 minutes

My Fair Lady

before to showtime will be released for sale to the public. Speech/Theater Director Dr. David Crawford, said.

Crawford directs the stage

each. Faculty and staff may reserve two complimentary tickets, but tickets may be picked up only immediately

and assistant directors Cheryl Rogers and Andrew Skoog direct the music and choreography.

Journalism class visits television station

Moriah Vierkant
staff writer

The Radio and Television News Writing class toured KLTU Channel 7 News Station earlier this month. Students sat in the studio and watched a live taping of the "5 O'clock News."

The trip gave students the experience of seeing a television news studio in action, visiting with the personnel and seeing how an actual program

is produced.

One student, Cristin Parker, said, "I thought it was cool. The main reason that I felt this would be a good experience for me was that I didn't know exactly what area in television news I wanted to go into, but now I know from watching them that I would really like to become a camera person."

Another student, Meegan Crouch, stated, "I thought it

was very interesting watching how they can be laughing hysterically one second and then the next second be serious about a news story."

The Radio and Television News Writing class taught by Janet Dreake will, throughout the semester, visit other television stations, hear from speakers who actual work in the news field, and visit with radio stations in the area.

Horizons

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telling them about the opportunities, industries and expanding thought. I realized there were many jobs but I had no idea what was out there."

In the sessions conducted by the two CPA's, called "Money Talks — Will You Listen," the women talked about the progress of technology to aid in work processes and the dress codes. They played a game where students were encouraged to participate in planning a monthly budget as graduated business majors. This was to help the girls better understand finances and the basics of business.

Louise Arnold, East Texas Medical Center nurse, said of her daughter Megan who is in the sixth grade, "I... want her to discover how interesting it is to see which fields actually contain math and science."

"I think the program's fabulous! It gives us new ways to think about things," Chanel/Dillard's Specialist Carol Howell said.

"Listen to your hearts," she tells the girls, "and don't let anybody stop you."

"I wish I could've had this

experience," Howell and Dillard's Origins Guide Belinda Farmer said. "It helps guide the confused girls. I can tell by some of the looks on their faces and the questions they have that they enjoy the program"

Seventh grader Amber Thompson said, "The women answered all my questions and now I think that I like computer drafting."

Ashli Stracener, who attended the skin care seminar said, "Our whole class came and it was great."

Tammy Evans, Phi Theta Kappa President said, "I really think this is a wonderful experience for this age group... I would have loved this chance when I was in middle school."

Before they left the girls were taken into Gentry Gym where some of them received door prizes.

Then Carol Cushman congratulated them for all their hard work and invited them back to next years "Expanding Your Horizons." Every girl received a certificate, a bumper sticker and a shirt for all their hard work and interest in their futures.

"I just think that what TJC is doing is tremendous," Aycock said. "It's fun for them to see people excited about what they do."

Support Services Video Series for Spring

Mondays @ 5 p.m.

Wednesdays @ noon

Saturdays @ 8 p.m.

Sundays @ 11 p.m.

on cable access channel 51

2/26 Man Oh Man:

Growing up male in America

3/4 Dear Lisa; A letter to my sister

3/11 Succeeding in the workplace with learning disabilities and ADD

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Trail to open March 22

Moriah Vierkant
staff writer

Tyler celebrates its 37th annual Azalea and Spring Flower Trail starting March 22 until April 7. People come and discover miles of home gardens filled with azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, wisteria and red-buds.

"Visitors will enjoy seeing the azaleas during their peak blooming season and experience the beauty and vibrant colors of these spring flowers," said Dawn Parnell, Tyler Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Not only can people see the flowers, but there are numerous activities for the whole family to enjoy. Events include an Arts and Crafts Fair, Rose City Chili Cook-Off, Quilt Show, Rose City Kiwanis' Antique Show, China and Porcelain Exhibit, Vocal Express Barber-shop Chorus Concert, Rose City Antique Car Show, Azalea Trail 10K and Fun Run, Blues Festival, Tyler Jazz Celebration, McClendon House Tours, Camp Fannin Reunion and much more.

For more information contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 407 North Broadway.

Norvell to show fitness proposal

Nikki Hudson
staff writer

Dr. Nancy Norvell, health and kinesiology instructor, will display a fitness proposal and promote TJC at the 1996 International Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress, July 10-14 in Dallas.

Priorities are interest, fun, variety and suitability. All are "keys to the older adult's sustained motivation and embodiment of positive attitudes toward healthy life-style habits," she said.

Norvell works with the Fun-

Fitness Club. The group seeks faculty, staff and students and the University of Texas at Tyler alumni who want to participate in regular aerobic activity.

For more information on the Club, call Dr. Norvell at (903)510-2552 at her office (903)510-2788.

Comedian Hyche to amuse tonight

Comedian Heath Hyche will perform tonight in the Apache room. This event is open to students, faculty, staff and the public who want to come.

Hyche is a talented, upcoming props comedian, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said. He recently signed a contract with Rosanna Barr, and will soon appear in one of her shows.

Hyche will begin his performance at 7p.m. It is free with a student I.D.



Delta offers low air fares

Jamie Melton
staff writer

Delta Air Lines offers "Extra Credit" fares allowing travel starting at \$138 round-trip.

College students can get the Student Select Saving Certificates by calling 1-800-9DELTA0 by March 4. Fares are valid through March 31 with holiday blackout dates Feb. 25 and March 3. Nonrefundable tickets must be purchased at least seven days in advance. Requests are limited to one per person.

Students may take up to two friends at the same fare. Prices are \$138, \$198 and \$318 per round-trip, depending upon the length of travel.

Each student must provide the college name, major, address, student identification number and valid identification at the time of ticketing and travel.

Museum of East Texas



Area artists gain visibility

Moriah Vierkant
staff writer

The Horace Cardwell Art Competition in Lufkin provides an opportunity for works by East Texas artists to be reviewed by a panel of professionals.

"We are honored to participate in such an exciting event," J.P. McDonald, executive director of the Museum of East Texas, said. "Not only will the competition heighten awareness in East Texas artists' talent, it 'memorializes a great patron of the arts, the late Horace Cardwell.'"

Selected works go on exhibit from mid-June through September. Judges will select a Best of Show.

The Museum of East Texas and the Rotary Gallery of East Texas Art sponsor the contest. The Gallery is a nonprofit organization founded in 1979 by the Museum of East Texas and the Lufkin Rotary Club.

To request a prospectus for the Horace Cardwell Competition, contact the Museum at, 409-639-4434. Deadline for entry is March 15.

Weather can close schools

Tiffany Oneal
staff writer

TJC Vice President Dr. Ken Dance believes school should close for anything hazardous or that causing difficulty in traveling. Such was the case in February when snow, sleet and ice covered many East Texas roads.

He uses the media to get information to the public. "The independent school districts (usually) are the first to make the decision...to close the schools...and TJC usually follows," Dance said.

People know to listen to the radio, contact others and watch TV for school closing information. Campus security officers monitor the weather and maintenance is here to sand the ground if needed, Dance said.

Those in evening or morning classes should pay close attention to the media for information on school closings.

"There have not been any major accidents related to the weather to my knowledge, but there are always accidents," Dance said.

Area kids need brothers, sisters

Tawyna Moore
staff writer

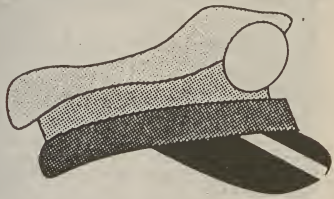
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Tyler is a branch of the nationally known, congressionally chartered America branch. This program sets up one-to-one friendships which have many children in this area.

BB/BS matches adult volunteers with at-risk children primarily from single parent homes. The adults serve as role-models and mentors for their little brothers and little sisters. Many volunteers are college students.

"The Big Brother/Big Sister program makes a great impression on the kids. The kids are less likely to get involved in drugs, and they get along better with their parents because of the program," said Case Manager Georgia Collins.

Sisters and brothers must be screened and committed to working one-on-one several hours weekly with a needy child. Volunteers must be 20 years old. The managers are working on a new rule to allow 19-year-olds to help because 31 children are waiting for a sister or brother to come into their lives.

"I hope that 19-year-olds will be allowed to volunteer by the end of the year," Collins said. In the summer when BB/BS take children on picnics they allow 19-year-olds to help. Otherwise kids would be left out of activities because of the volunteer shortage. To get involved in the BB/BS program call Collins at (903)/592-0582, or 113 East Houston Tyler, TX 75702 and she will send an application.



Campus safety offers security

Moriah Vierkant
staff writer

When Clifton Brumley escaped a month ago from a Texarkana prison, took two women hostage and came to Tyler on his way to New Orleans where he was captured, Tyler residents worried for their personal safety.

TJC students, both on and off campus, increased their safety measures. They said they were not as trusting of people as they usually are, and took more precautions than usual.

Sophomore Heather Roden said, during Brumley's escape, "I listened more to creaks, locked my doors and I was more scared walking to my car."

Sophomore Kimberly Roberts said, "I was definitely watching things more closely."

Campus Police Officer Lynn Guthrie advises, "In special situations like these and in normal everyday life, to increase safety, students should stay in groups, avoid shadowed areas and those someone may be able to hide in and get an escort to walk you from class to your car or dorm at night."

Students can call 510-2263 to get an escort to accompany them on campus.

Just use common sense by stopping and thinking about something before doing it, and by paying more attention," Guthrie said.

Hazardous waste requires careful disposal

Amy Jackson
staff writer

Proper disposal of hazardous waste should be a major concern for Tylerites. Paint, glue, pool cleaning supplies and automotive and personal care products should be disposed of properly. Hazardous products are identified on the original container.

Paint, one of the most toxic materials stored at home, must be solid for sanitation workers to pick it up at the curb. Absorbent is available at Tyler Recycling Collection Center, 418 N. Bois D'Arc to make paint solid.

City employees also pick up anti-freeze and paint thinner. Only one-gallon or smaller containers will be picked up when placed on the curb with other trash. No acid will be collected.

Before throwing out any container, it must be rinsed out. Never pour pesticides, herbicides, or similar chemicals

down a drain, city officials warn. should be deposited only at these locations:

- Expert Lube and Service, 1305 S. Beckham
- Fast Lube, 5030 Hwy. 31 West
- Kwik Kar Lube and Tune, 6310 S. Broadway
- Pep Boys, 3616 S. Broadway
- Rapid Lube, 2121 WSW Loop 323
- Royal Lube, 3523 S. Broadway
- Super Lube, 2417 S. Broadway, 6715 S. Broadway, 2632 W. Gentry Pkwy. and 3819 Troup Hwy.
- Taylor's Car Care Center, 1725 S. Broadway
- Weaver's Exxon, 1702 S. Broadway
- Western Auto, 4031 S. Broadway

Hazardous waste accounts for less than one percent of total waste. That does not sound like a lot but with more than 22,000 households in Tyler, it can become a problem quickly.

May minimester sign-up nears

Cammie Brooks
staff writer

During the two-week May minimester May 13-29, geography, government, history, psychology and sociology students will be in class three hours and 40 minutes each day.

Geography Instructor Robert Brooks believes mini-mester courses are an effective way to master a subject quickly.

"Our classes are very successful",

Brooks said. "Students finish the courses with A and B grades and only have to concentrate on the one particular course."

"The material may be harder to digest because it is learned in a shorter time," Brooks said, and students often miss out on films and other added aspects. Despite that, enrollment has dramatically increased, because they are a great way to boost a student's GPA.

"Students have practically the whole afternoon and evening to study. In these courses teachers really cater to the student's individual needs."

Brooks said his geography course helps future teachers pass their EX-CET exams.

"In this mini-mester course, we are trying to build a program that is available to everyone," Brooks said.

History Instructor Dr. Gene Kirkpatrick believes mini-mester courses give students advantages.

"It is great for students to have this opportunity to take three hours and catch up, as opposed to going four weeks in summer school," Kirkpatrick said. "It can be demanding, but it is over in 12 days. The course is very much like what we normally have."

Students may register April 29-May 10 and May 6-10. For information call the Registrar's office at 510-2404.

Video contests to award cash prizes

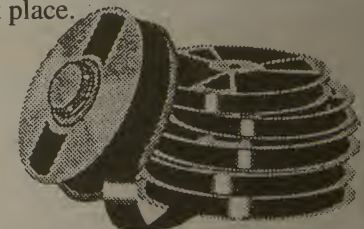
"Making a Difference"

The Christophers are sponsoring a video contest. Entries are to portray a theme using any style or format on film or video in five minutes or less. "Whether a person working individually or in a group can make a difference" is the theme.

Those eligible for this contest must be in college, complete an entry form and produce a film. Deadline is June 7. Entry forms are posted on the TJC News bulletin board outside Potter 204.

Entries will be judged on ability to capture a theme, artistic and technical proficiency and adherence to all contest rules. Winners will be notified on Sept. 6.

The winning entries will be aired nationwide and eight cash prizes will be given away: five \$500 honorable mentions, a \$1,000 third place, a \$2,000 second place, and a \$3,000 first place.



World population film

Deadline for the contest sponsored by Sopris Foundation, Searchlight Films and Population Communications International is June 1.

The second annual World Population Film/Video Festival offers awards totaling \$10,000.

To compete, students make a film regarding population growth, resource consumption, the environment or common global features.

Possible video techniques include drama, animation, image-montage and documentary. Judges consist of environmentalists, population experts, humanists, filmmakers and broadcast executives.

First place prize is \$3,000. Judges will announce winners Oct. 15.

Last year's winners were combined into *Best of Festival '95* video. For a complementary copy, entry form or any additional information, write: World Population Film/Video Festival, 46 Fox Hill Road, Bernardston, Mass. 01337 or call 1-800-638-9464.



"Catch the Spirit"

Tyler's new United Methodist Church
in the African-American tradition

1120 W. 5th St. (corner of 5th and Vine)
Sunday School 9 a.m. / Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

First service Sunday, March 3

Come and worship with us

Rev. Clara Gilbert - minister

for more information call (903)596-1550

Baker retires after serving TJC 12 years

Nikki Hudson
staff writer

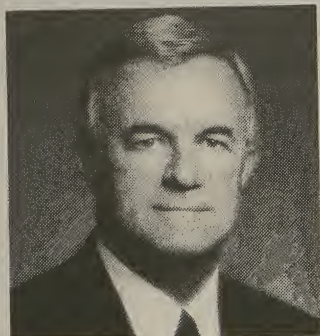
C.C. "Pinky" Baker Jr. served TJC as vice president of development and alumni relations and executive director of the TJC Foundation 12 years until his retirement late last year.

Baker "has given a great deal to this institution and will be deeply missed," TJC President Dr. William Crowe said. Many faculty and students agree. Baker worked at three other school districts as assistant principal, head coach and social studies teacher before he came here.

"I have been fortunate to be aided in my development work by the kind benefactions of a number of generous families

and organizations interested in seeing the educational goals of the area's young people satisfied," Baker said. "Their investments

in the future of our society are strong and represent commitments the Foundation will continue to uphold."



"Even though many will not see me around the school," Baker said, "I will still continue to do what I can for TJC. I will miss talking

to the students one-on-one, but you as students can do and be whatever it is that you want to be. Just remember those few words that I have laid upon your heart while continuing your education."

Baker initiated and coordinated the development and financing of the Kiwanis Children's Home in Tyler, residential facility operated by the Andrews Center for disabled infants and young children who require around-the-clock care.

He also helped create PATH (People Attempting to Help) Week in Tyler to gain community support for the city's largest interdenominational relief agency.

As first vice president of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce Sports and Recreation Council, he helped raise about \$750,000 to renovate Mike Carter Field. Because of Baker's efforts, Tyler now has the minor league baseball team, Tyler Wildcatters.

Baker got others to fund scholarships by telling them, "If you want to make a difference in the lives of students you can do that by funding scholarships."

"This is an issue that one does not have to ponder because just a little from the kindness of your heart," can let young persons "see that someone is helping to further their education," he said.



Photo by Chris Stegman
ONLY IN TEXAS!- Just three weeks ago, the duck pond in Wise Plaza was frozen by the sleet and snow storm that gave TJC a holiday. Now students are wearing shorts in the 80-degree weather. Who knew?

**If Only I
Knew
What I
Wanted
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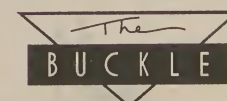
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ABC correspondent discusses politics in UTT speech

ABC News Correspondent Cokie Roberts spoke of politics, both the humorous and serious sides in her speech at the University of Texas at Tyler last month.

Roberts began by poking fun at Bob Dole, Steve Forbes and Phil Gramm. She joked that the most dangerous place for a person to be is "between Phil Gramm and a camera."

Turning then to the presidential race, Roberts covered the candidates, their issues and problems plaguing the nation's capital.

Roberts said Republicans are likely to keep the dominant position in Congress. The rest of the government, she said, will most likely stay the same.

"The most dynamic force in the country is Newt Gingrich," she said.

Roberts believes Steve Forbes does not have a chance for the presidency, because he is just "a little, rich kid" in Washington. Roberts then discussed the flat tax and how people, between now and November, are going to grow to hate it as its appeal wears off.

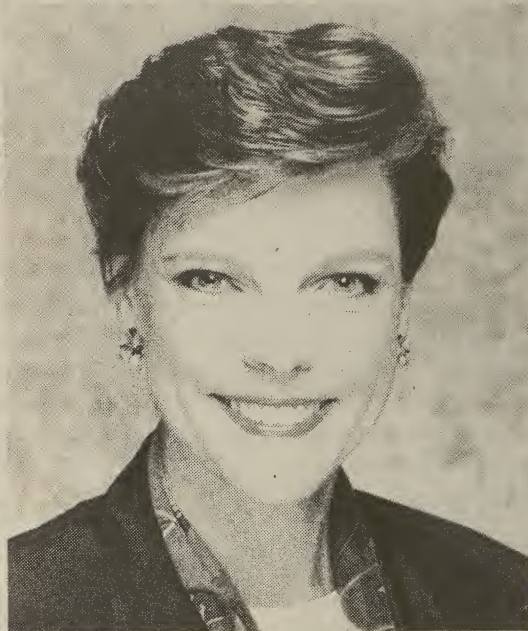
She sees Bob Dole as the best candidate for the presidency. He has been in politics more than three decades and deserves it more than anyone else. Other nominees who will make Dole's

goal a little harder to achieve, Roberts refers to as "un-Dole."

On the topic of women in office, Roberts said it is "unlikely but possible" that a woman would be nominated for vice-president, and that Republicans would be more likely to nominate a woman for national office than Democrats.

Women "get a lot from inheritance," she said. The first woman president will start out as vice-president and inherit the presidency due to the death of the previous president, Roberts predicted.

Roberts expressed her concern regarding the 13 senators who are retiring early because they are frustrated



ABC reporter Cokie Roberts

Roberts, who co-anchors with Sam Donaldson and George Will, has been in news for 19 years, received multiple honorary doctorates and won numerous journalism awards.

by not being able to get anything done and civility having left Washington.

Roberts also claimed that the "era of big government" is over and things in Washington probably will not change until the society in Washington changes.

In mid-life, Roberts is tall, distinguished and carries herself with confidence. She casually leaned on one foot while delivering her speech to about 300 Tyler residents and students.

Roberts comes from a long line of political activists. Her parents, Hale and Lindy Boggs, collectively served 49 years in Congress and her mother was a strong advocate for making the rose the national flower.

One particularly fascinating story Roberts relayed to the audience covered an interview she conducted with Ross Perot, during which he became tenser and tenser.

When Perot called that evening, Roberts told him, "You weren't very polite to me." He hung upon her and later told the media it wasn't reporters he didn't like, it was female reporters.

Roberts then answered questions from the audience ranging from the direction of the upcoming presidential election to Ross Perot's chances in office.

Assistants aid dorm residents

Tiffany O'Neal
staff writer

Resident assistants are students who work as overseers in the halls. Two to six RA's live in each hall on campus.

RA's work to keep residents safe, to create an enjoyable environment and to assist in school activities.

"We create activities for them to be involved in so that they can enjoy the college life. We also can be a listening ear when someone needs us," sophomore Chara Stephenson, Hudnall Hall RA, said.

RA's no longer sit in the lobby on their assigned night from 7 to 11 p.m. Instead, they all choose four nights a month to monitor halls and do community checks. This means three RA's on duty from 6 p.m. until midnight must circulate through the halls.

RA's also have a courtesy desk in Claridge Hall. Residents who have any problems with anything can call the courtesy desk for help to get it fixed. Desk help is available from 6 p.m. until midnight.

RA's must also abide by rules. They are expected to set examples for residents. Students who break hall rules get a verbal warning. A second violation results in a fine based on the infraction.

A noise violation usually costs \$5; setting off the fire alarm costs \$25.

Being an RA is no easy job.

"You are faced with problems, attitudes and hassles every day. To be an RA requires plenty of patience," sophomore Casaba Brown, who works in Holley Hall, said.

"It's not easy. It depends on the residents. They are the people who make the job easy or hard," freshman Kalanta Hurst, Hudnall Hall RA, said.

"It's what you make of it. It can be very enjoyable," Stephenson said.

After midnight, residents with problems should "go to the RA... on duty," Hurst said.

"By next fall we don't know if there will even be any RA's here on campus. We will just have to wait and see."

An RA receives free housing and meal plan instead of a salary.

Students can get an application from the residential life office and follow the instructions to be an RA. They will be called in for an interview. During the interview, they will be video-taped answering a variety of questions. The interviewers will call the best candidate in two to three weeks to assign them to a hall.

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Men's basketball makes run for conference championship

Chris Stegman
staff writer

The Apache men's basketball team has made a major turnaround from their 14-14 finish last year that left them in ninth place and out of the postseason tournament. At 18-6 overall and 13-4 in conference, Head Coach Fred Rike has his team primed for the home stretch in the race to be conference champions.

"We are tied for first place with Trinity Valley," Rike said. "With only five games remaining, our game Wednesday at Trinity Valley is huge."

"We have won seven in a row," Rike said. "We are starting to play a lot better, but we can still improve. That is where you want to be, playing your best ball at the beginning of March."

With the season coming to a close

the Apaches will meet Trinity Valley Community College at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Athens. The game could decide the conference championship.

Ladies shoot for playoffs

Chris Stegman
staff writer

After a 15-15 finish last season, the Apache Ladies are 7-3 and primed for a spot in the postseason tournament.

The ladies must be in the top four to compete in the tournament.

"Our season is going well so far," Ladies Coach Lee Ann Riley said. "We have had several close games that could have gone either way, but we're still in good shape."

Classes to teach lifeguard certification

Chris Stegman
staff writer

Lifeguarding classes will begin March 2 and April 27. Students will be certified as professional lifeguards and in first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

To enroll or receive more information call the Registrar's Office at 510-

2404. Students must be at least 15 and pay \$135 tuition and fees to register.

Classes will meet in the Health and Physical Education Center aquatics area our consecutive Saturdays beginning March 2 and April 27 or on five consecutive days during Spring Break March 18-22.

National women's tourney to open here March 19

Arjun Robinson
staff writer

The National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Championship Tournament will take place March 19-23 at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Reservations for tournament tickets, good for entry to all 26 tourney games, may be made by calling 510-2458. Tournament tickets which cost \$25 each for all games or \$6 each for a single game will be available later.

Sixteen outstanding teams from throughout the United States will compete for the national championship.

Last year, a capacity crowd watched the Lady Cardinals of Trinity Valley Community College attempt to win a second straight national title dashed as the Westark Lady Lions won 82-75.

For more information, call the TJC intercollegiate athletics office at 510-2320.

Coach signs 18 players

Chris Stegman
staff writer

With National Signing Day for high school football recruits, TJC gained a new crop of talent to help them this fall.

"I was really happy with the quality of the players that we got signed," Head Football Coach Dale Carr said. "We got our numbers and we are looking to pick up a few more guys."

The recruits Carr signed are: David Brown and Joseph Turner, Killeen Ellison; Christopher Cofer, Brownsboro; Andri Cummings, T. K. Gorman; Roderick Edwards, Robert E. Lee; Damian Henderson, Lancaster; Lucain Herrick, Naaman Forest; Torio

Kelly, Sulphur Springs; Arthur Kimble, Beaumont Westbrook; Douglas Lacy and Caston Richard, Humble; George Latu, Keller; Ronal Mapps, Livingston; Josh Maumalanga, Euless Trinity; Jay Robinson, Lakeview; Matthew Skillern, Stafford; Caleb Southerland, Tom Bean; Jay Stegall, Fort Worth Nolan and Derrick Williams, Klein Forest.

Three TJC players signed with four-year schools: Linebacker Junior Filikitonga to Abilene Christian University, Kicker Dean Royal to Kansas State University and Cornerback Edwin Wright.

Robert E. Lee senior makes half-court shot to win \$500

Moriah Virkant
staff writer

Last Saturday night Boston Brown, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School, won the first ever Scholarship Toss. Brown hit a shot from half-court to win a \$500 scholarship, good for tuition and fees at TJC in the fall.

Seniors from high schools in TJC's service area were invited to Seniors Night. "(This is) another opportunity to showcase our campus and academic offerings to high school seniors from throughout East Texas," Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said.

High schools TJC serves are: Alba-Golden, Arp, Bullard, Chapel Hill, T. K. Gorman, Grand Saline, Hawkins, Jacksonville, John Tyler, Lindale, Mineola, New Summerfield, Quitman, Robert E. Lee, Rusk, Troup, Van, Whitehouse, Winona and Yantis.

Seniors registered for a chance to be

one of the 10 chosen to get two chances at the half-court shot.

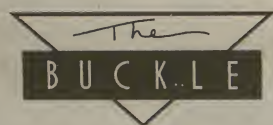
"We think this is going to be a lot of fun and an exciting way of offering a scholarship to incoming freshmen," Intercollegiate Athletics Director Dr. Billy Jack Doggett said before the game.

Seven Corporate Champion Sponsors of Intercollegiate Athletics have provided contributions toward TJC athletic scholarships. They generated more than \$30,000 for scholarships this year.

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